

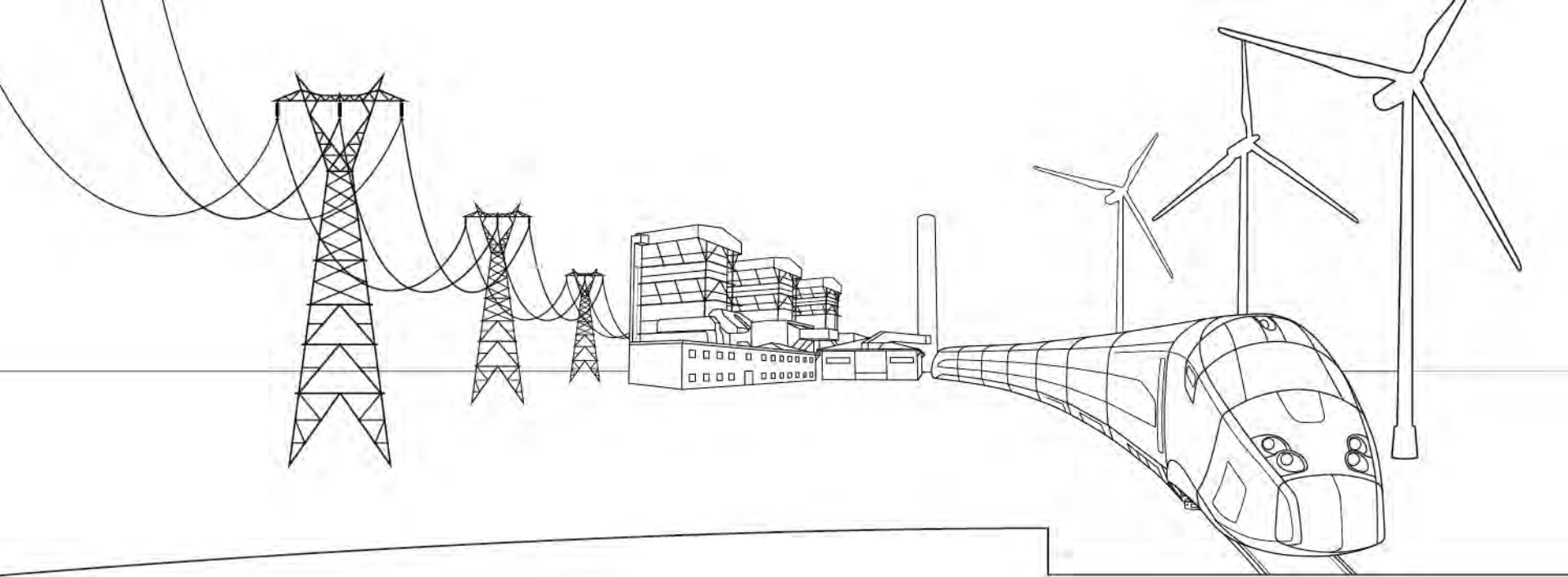
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# Spray Dryer Evaporator for Waste Water Control with Case Studies

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## • **Regulatory Drivers**

- Technology Options
- Direct Evaporation ZLD
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# Regulatory Drivers

## Background

- Congress passed CWA in 1972 to “restore and maintain the chemical, physical, biological integrity of the Nation’s waters.”
- CWA authorizes EPA to establish Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELG) for sources
- EPA identified steam electric power plants as a category in 1974 at placed limits on thermal and pollutant discharges
- Rules last updated in 1982



# Effluent Limitation Guidelines for Power Plants

- EPA proposes to revise guidelines that may impact 7 waste streams:
  - FGD waste water
  - Fly ash transport water
  - Bottom ash transport water
  - Combustion residual leachate
  - Nonchemical metal cleaning waste
  - Waste water from mercury cleaning systems
  - Gasification waste water
- Final ruling was to be ready by May 2014; delayed, now expected in September 2015
- Compliance timing pending final ruling, state regulators may establish timing requirements for their state

# Effluent Limitation Guidelines for Power Plants

- EPA proposed rules for WFGD WW

Constituent	30 day average	Max 1 day limit
Nitrate/Nitrite	130 ppb	170 ppb
Mercury	119 ppt	242 ppt
Selenium	10 ppb	16 ppb
Arsenic	6 ppb	8 ppb

- Meet discharge levels prior to comingling with other streams (prevents “dilution solution”)
- Allows delay in implementation for plants that commit to ZLD solutions
- Coal Combustion Residue (CCR) rules will also provide impetus for water treatment solutions

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# WFGD Waste Water

- Portion of scrubbing liquor purged to control steady-state concentrations of chloride and fine inert particles
  - High chloride levels can cause corrosion and performance issues
  - High fine particle levels can impact gypsum purity and cause dewatering problems
- Purge stream constituents:
  - Suspended solids (gypsum, limestone, fly ash)
  - Dissolved solids
    - Ca, Mg, Na salts of Cl, SO<sub>4</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>
    - Heavy metals (e.g. Hg, As, Pb)
    - Other elements (e.g. Se, B)



# WFGD Waste Water Treatment Methods

- Surface impoundments
  - Gravity separation of suspended solids
  - Commingle with other waste water streams
  - Clarified water discharged; settled solids landfilled
- Chemical precipitation
  - Precipitate heavy metals
  - Coagulation/flocculation followed by thickening/filtration
  - Treated water discharged; precipitated solids landfilled
- Biological treatment
  - Used to treat Se, other metals, and DBA
- Brine concentration
- Constructed wetlands

Waste Water is Discharged into Surface Water

# Methods to Eliminate WFGD Waste Water Discharge

- Evaporation ponds
  - Limited to southwestern US
- Fly ash conditioning/fixation
- Brine concentration/crystallization
- Underground injection
- Direct evaporation



Zero Liquid Discharge to Surface Water

# Direct Evaporation Advantages

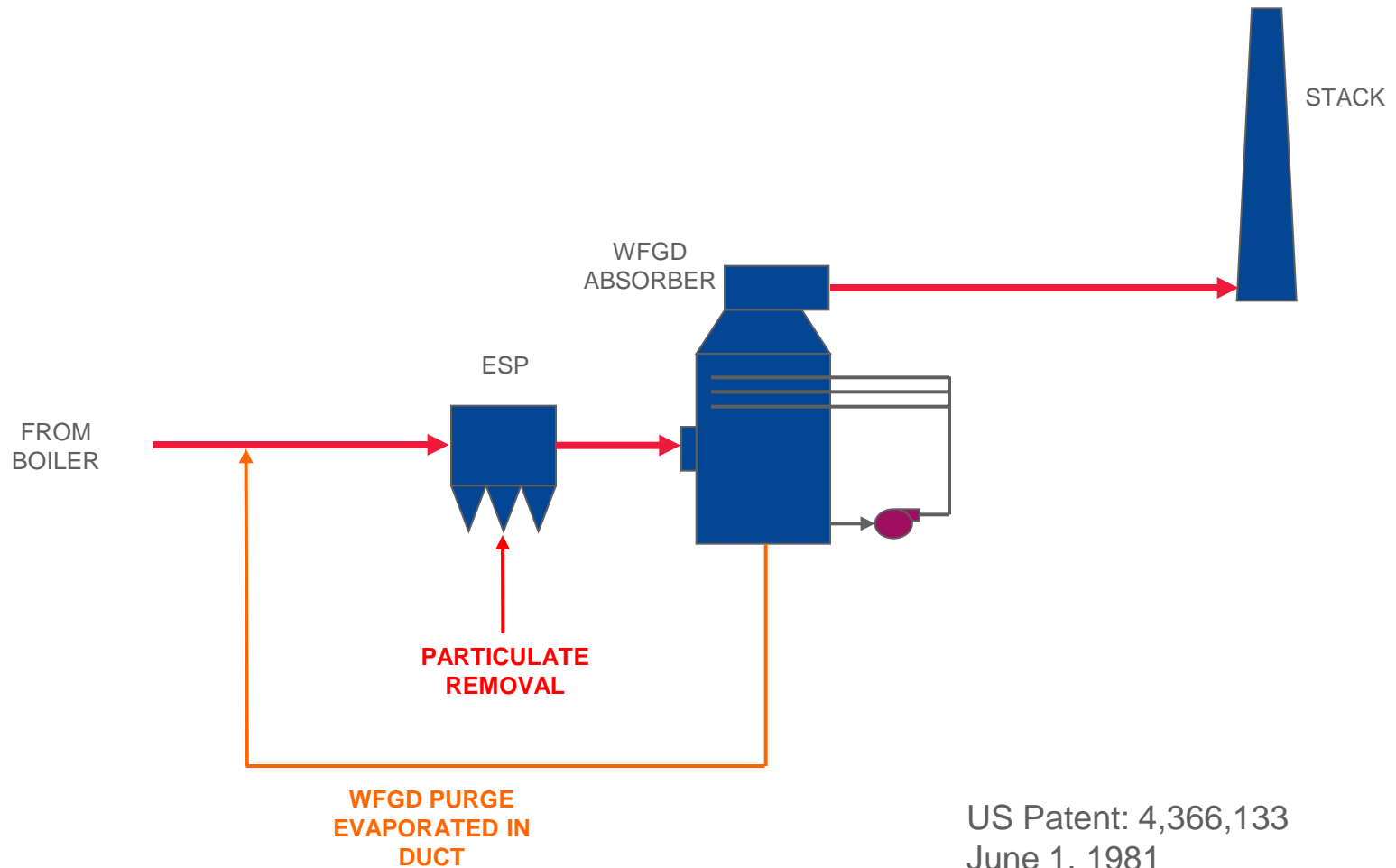
- True ZLD – no purge stream to permit, monitor, and report
- Wide applicability as retrofit solution
- Simplicity
  - Fewer unit operations than most conventional WWT
  - No secondary solid waste stream
- Proven technology
  - Spray dryers in service in power plants since mid-1970s
  - Duke Cliffside 6 evaporating WFGD waste water since Fall 2012

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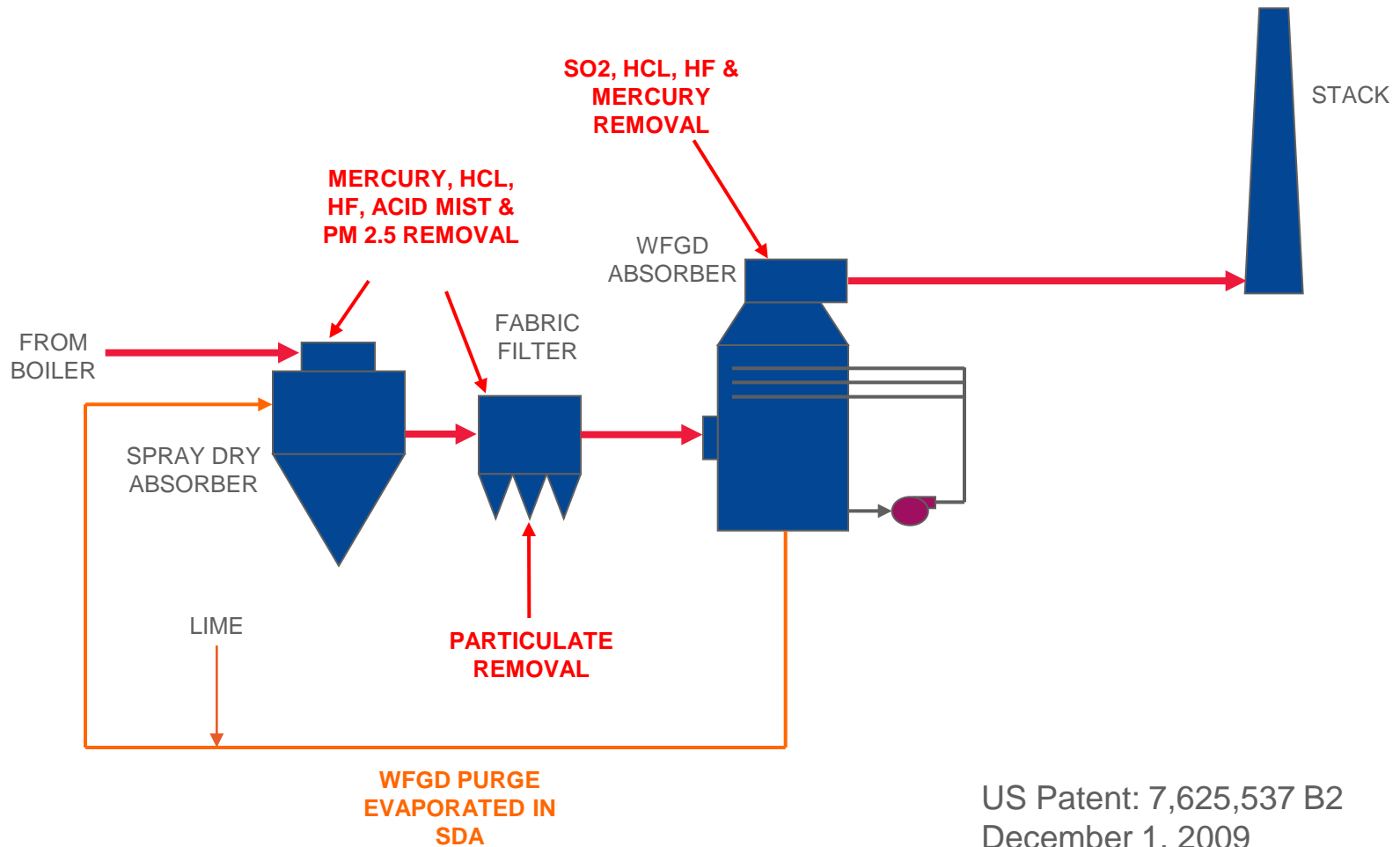
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# Direct Evaporation circa 1981



US Patent: 4,366,133  
June 1, 1981

# Cliffside 6 Integrated AQCS



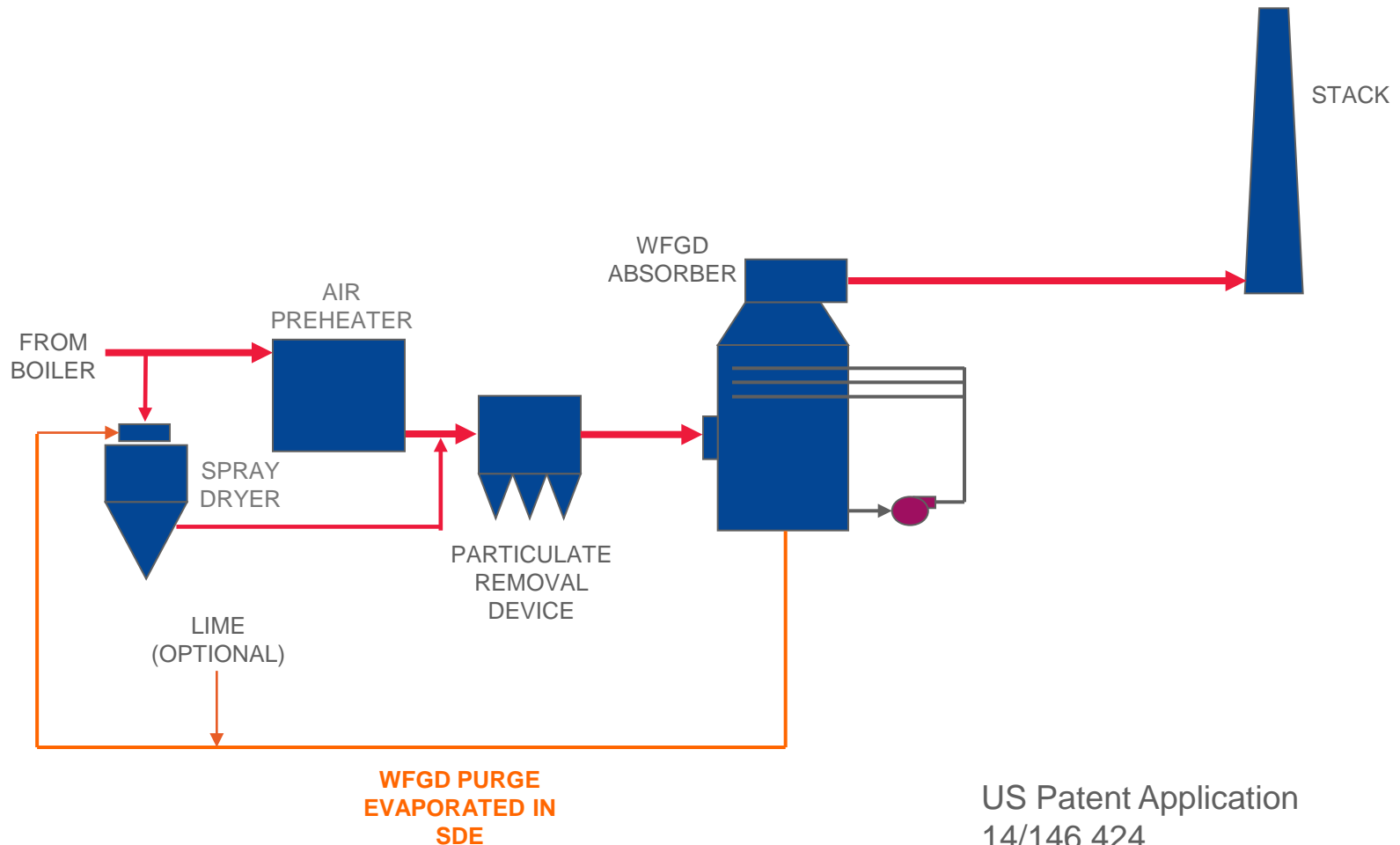
US Patent: 7,625,537 B2  
December 1, 2009

# Integrated AQCS Benefits

- Combines proven SDA/FF/WFGD technologies
- Excellent SO<sub>3</sub> control
- Low lime reagent consumption
- Eliminates waste water treatment system
- Possible to operate with lower chloride level in WFGD
- Fuel flexibility - up to 3000 ppm Cl fuel for Cliffside
- SDA/FF/WFGD – strong Hg emission control solution
- Reduces water consumption



# Slipstream SDE for WFGD Purge



US Patent Application  
14/146,424  
January 2014

# Slipstream DFGD for WFGD Purge Evaporation

- 5 to 10% APH bypass for most applications
- Reintroduce SDE effluent at or above APH outlet temperature
- Hot gas reduces equipment size and cost
- Lime addition to purge stream for high S coals for:
  - Corrosion mitigation
  - Co-benefits for  $\text{SO}_3$  and HCl control expected
  - Improves bag life
- Dissolved and suspended solids dried and collected by existing particulate control system

True Zero Liquid Discharge

# SDA vs. SDE

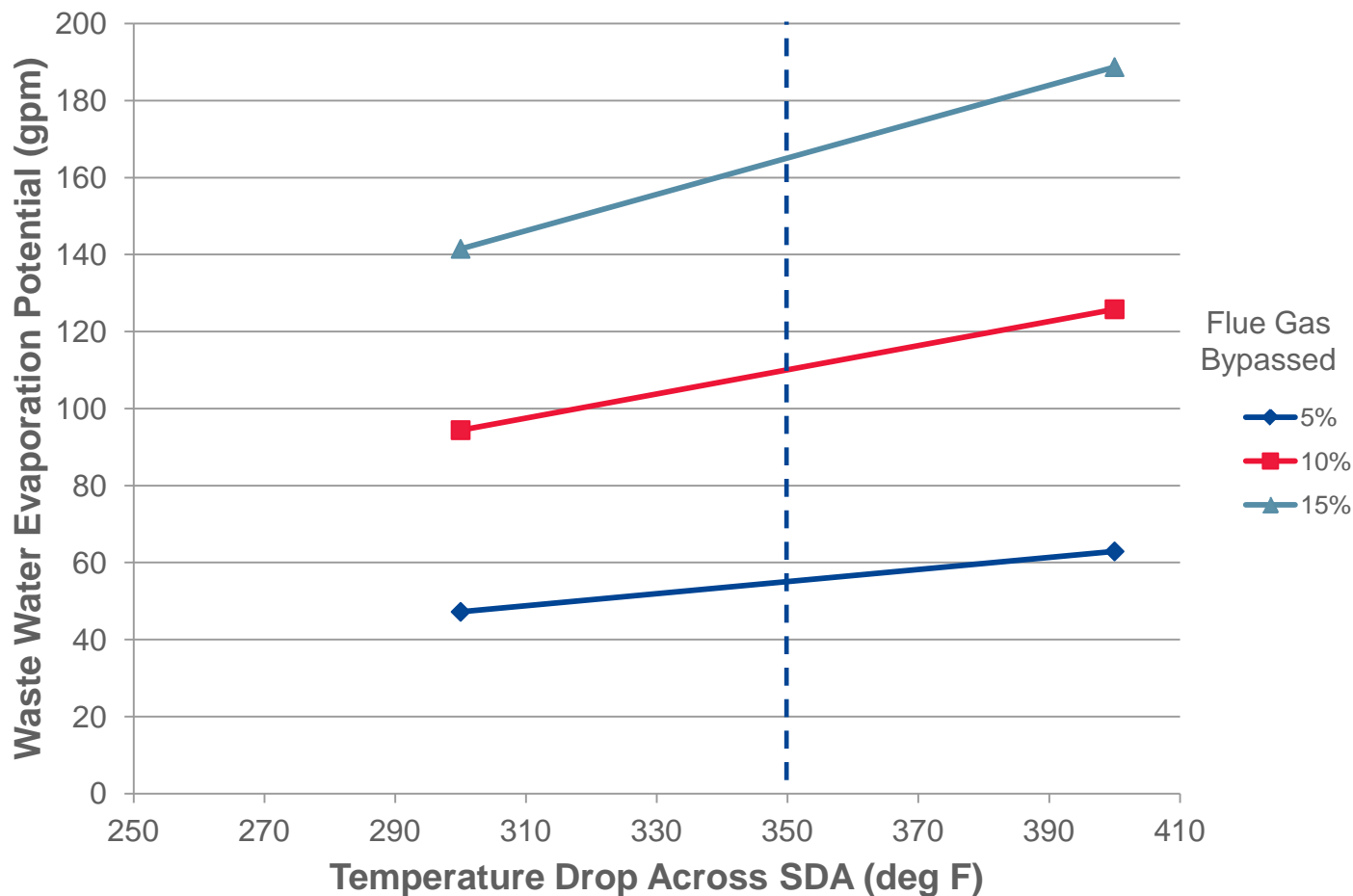
## Spray Dryer Absorber

- Gas/liquid mass transfer plus drying
- 25-40% suspended solids in feed
- $T_{in} = 300^{\circ}\text{F}$   
 $T_{out} = 160^{\circ}\text{F}$   
 $AST = 30^{\circ}\text{F}$
- GRT = 12-14 sec

## Spray Dryer Evaporator

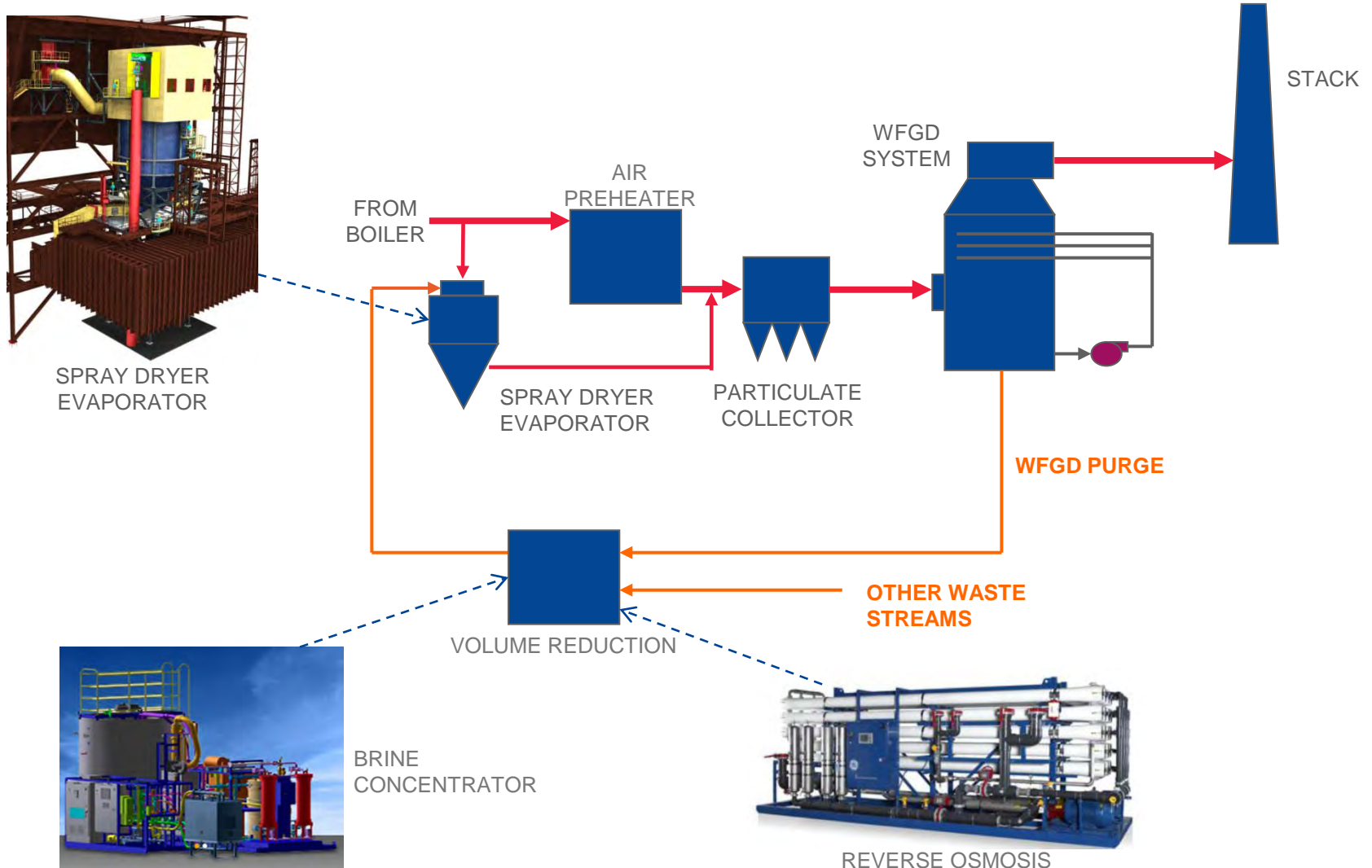
- Evaporation
- 0.5-5% suspended solids in feed
- $T_{in} = 700^{\circ}\text{F}$   
 $T_{out} = 280 - 350^{\circ}\text{F}$   
 $AST = > 160^{\circ}\text{F}$
- GRT = 3-6 sec

# Waste Water Evaporation Potential 600 MW Plant



Slipstream SDA offers significant evaporation capacity

# Integrated Solutions



# Alstom Spray Dryer Atomization Technology



Rotary Atomizer



Dual Fluid Nozzles

# Rotary vs. Dual Fluid Nozzle Atomization

## Rotary Atomizer

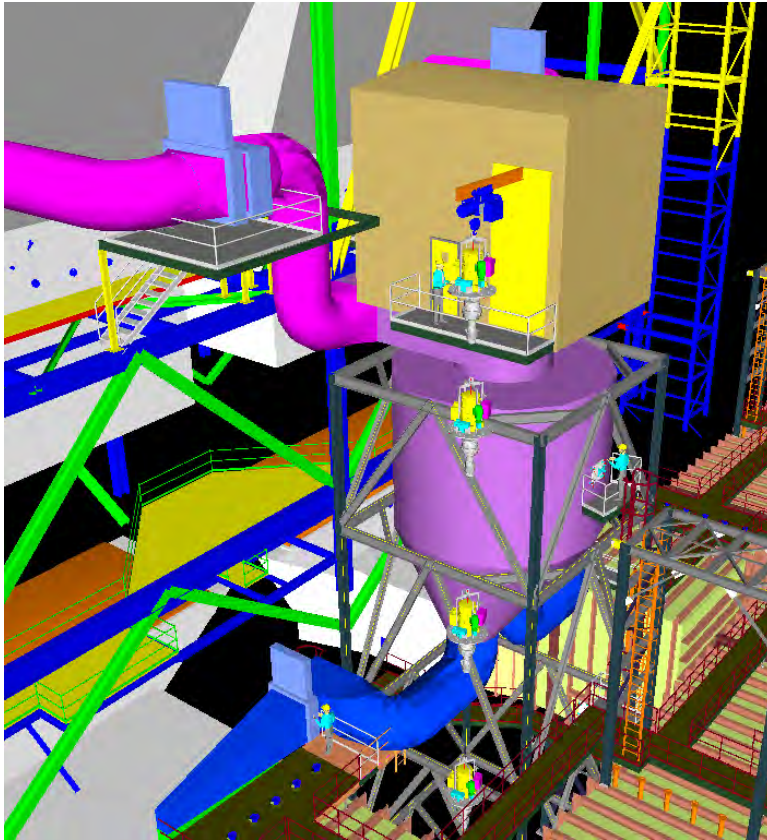
- Single rotary atomizer
- Larger diameter, shorter vessel
- Lower power consumption
- Higher pressure drop
- Good turndown

## Dual Fluid Nozzles

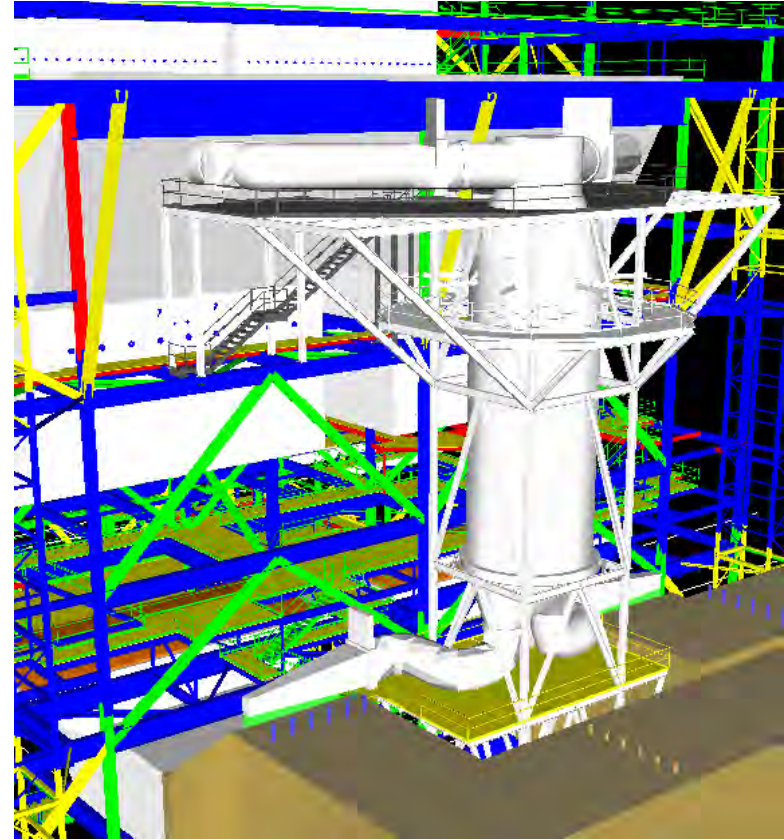
- 4-8 dual fluid nozzle lances
- Smaller diameter, taller vessel
- Higher power consumption
- Lower pressure drop
- Good turndown

Two proven technology options

# SDE Alternatives



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# Duke Energy Cliffside 6 AQCS

<b>Project Scope</b>	Spray dryer, fabric filter, spray tower, lime/limestone preparation and feed systems, by-product dewatering system, ductwork, fans, erection and commissioning advisors
<b>Location</b>	Cliffside, NC
<b>Capacity</b>	825 MW
<b>Start-Up</b>	May 2012
<b>Fuel</b>	Eastern Bituminous
<b>SO2 Removal</b>	99% with 5 lbs/mmBtu fuel
<b>No. Absorbers</b>	Two spray dryers; one spray tower
<b>By-product</b>	Commercial gypsum
<b>Gas Flow</b>	2,800,000 ACFM
<b>Reagent</b>	Lime, limestone

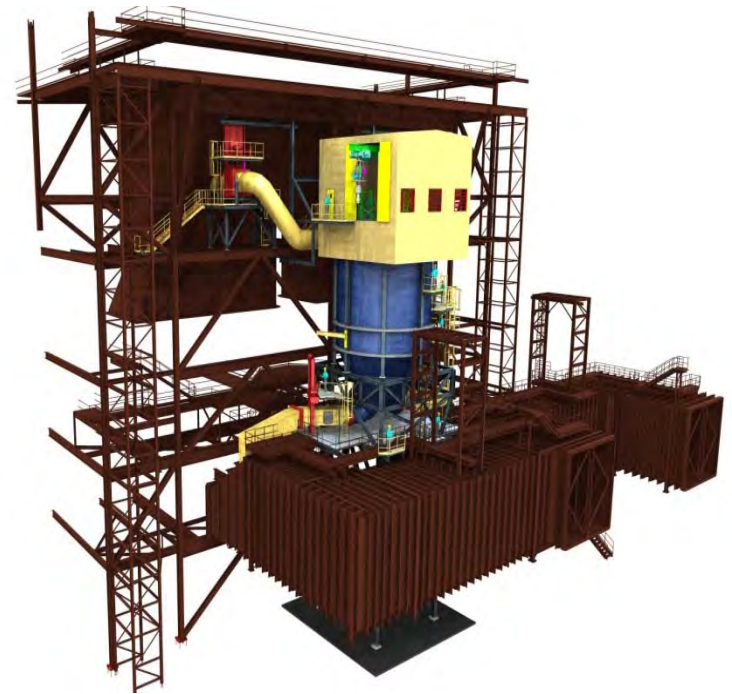


Duke Energy  
Cliffside Unit 6  
Cliffside, NC

Over 100,000,000 Gallons of Waste Water Evaporated to Date

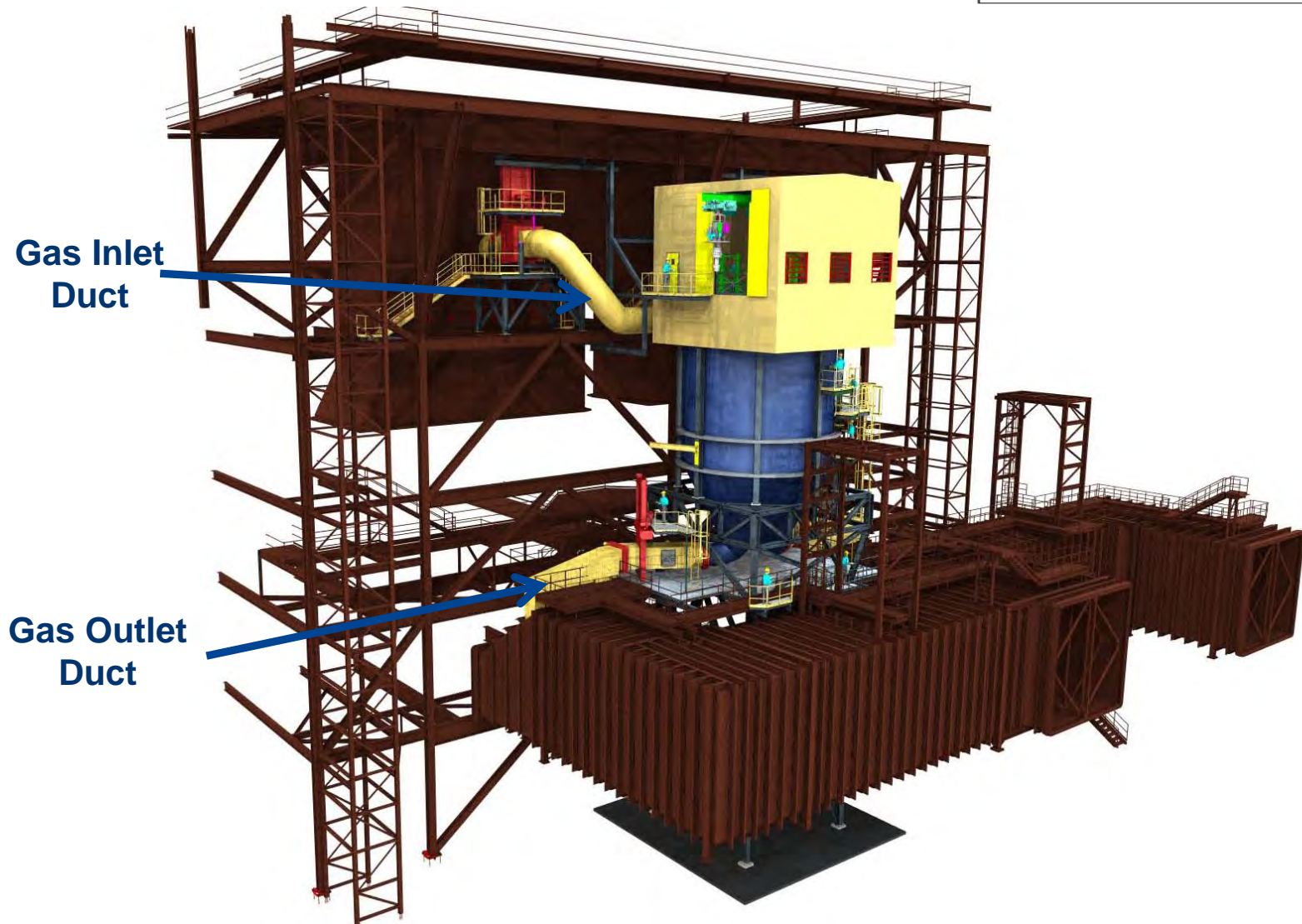
# Large Mid-West Generation Station

<b>Project Scope</b>	Spray dryer evaporator, rotary atomizers, lime softening system, ducts, dampers, support steel, access platforms, penthouse
<b>Location</b>	Mid West US
<b>Start-Up</b>	October 2016
<b>Capacity</b>	50 gpm WFGD waste water
<b>Size</b>	28 ft dia x 22 ft SS
<b>No. Atomizers</b>	1 operating + 1 spare
<b>Materials</b>	Carbon steel
<b>WW Source</b>	WFGD purge from 2 Units
<b>WW Analysis</b>	2-16% TSS, up to 140,000 ppm TDS
<b>Gas Flow</b>	150,500 acfm
<b>Gas Inlet Temp</b>	700 F, 630-730 F range



## First Full-Scale SDE Installation in US

# SDE Arrangement



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# Summary

- USEPA is in the process of finalizing Effluent Liquid Guidelines for power plants
- Guidelines will impact current operational practices at most coal-fired power stations
- Advantages of direct evaporation include:
  - Zero liquid discharge
  - Simplicity
  - Proven technology





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